

REMARKS

Applicant has reviewed the office action of the examiner. The claims have been substantially amended in view of the prior art. It is no doubt that the Geror patent No. 5,882,010, upon the game with rings and target, is related to the current invention. It appears that it is also of a moldable material.

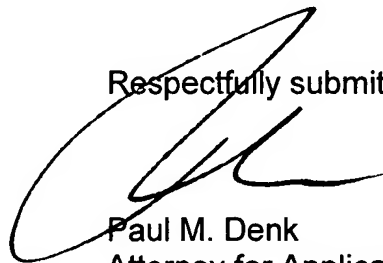
Bour, as the examiner cites, shows what appears to be a lattice type of structure that is formed into its panels. This is also for a beanbag type of toss game target.

The concept of the current invention, though, is a little different, but significantly adds to the enjoyment and usage of the current game. For example, by using a metal can that slides in and out of the center sleeve for the molded polymer box, during usage, when the washers hit the center can, and are deposited therein, it provides a very loud clanging noise that, believe it or not, really adds to the enthusiasm of playing the game. And, this really, in this type of structure, is just not shown in any of the prior art devices as reviewed by the examiner. And, while this type of an improvement may not be a momentous invention, it nevertheless does add to the concept of a washer toss game, and makes it more enjoyable of usage, which it would appear, does add improvement to this type of a game. Hence, it is believed that patentable subject matter is set forth in this structure for this type of a device.

Claim 1 has been amended to include positively the structure of a container that fits into the central sleeve for the toss game, and the more specifically, it is a metal container. Hence, with this type of structural addition to the claim, as set forth in newly added claim 14, it is believed that the patentable subject is set forth, it is just not anticipated by the prior art, nor does the prior art even suggest this type of a structure for a washer toss game, which means that the invention just may not be obvious to one skilled in the art.

The examiner's further review of this matter would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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